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MILITIA OF 45 STATES HAS ORDERS TO MOBILIZE TODAY

Only Drilling and Recruiting Will Be Program for the Present—Later Will Be Sent to Border to Relieve Regular Troops Now on Duty There—Reports from Mexico Extremely Disquieting

NO OFFENSIVE MEASURE IS CONTEMPLATED AGAINST MEXICO

President Only Wants Stronger Force to Defend the Border Against Bandit Raids—Emphatic Note Goes Forward to Carranza Today—Members of Military Committees Confer with Wilson

WASHINGTON, June 19.—Not since the Spanish war has the nation seen such military activity as exists today. More than 100,000 national guardsmen in 45 states were under orders to mobilize for Mexican service. They constitute virtually the entire militia strength of the United States.

President Wilson through Secretary Baker issued the orders yesterday when it became apparent that the threatening conditions in Northern Mexico were not improving. Only drilling and recruiting will be in order among militia organizations for the present.

All must be mustered into federal service. Later they will be sent to the border for patrol duty, relieving about 30,000 regulars for service in Mexico if war actually develops.

Additional war ships also were getting ready today to hurry south and stand by Mexican ports to protect Americans.

No offensive attack on Mexico is contemplated. President Wilson only wants stronger forces to defend the border against bandit raids and to be prepared should Carranza troops carry out their threats against American troops engaged in chasing bandits south of the border.

With about 100,000 under mobilization and with about 50,000 troops already at the border the United States reply to the Mexican note is ready to go forward. It announces a refusal to

withdraw until Mexico curbs its own bandits and it is emphatic.

Unofficial reports received here today indicated that guardsmen are mobilizing with a zest. Infantry, cavalry, artillery, signal and sanitary troops are included in the call.

Gen. Funston will determine when the militia organizations shall be dispatched from their home states and to what points along the borders.

From the New England states are called out nine regiments of infantry, one battalion and five separate batteries of field artillery, three ambulance corps, two field hospitals and three signal corps companies.

The quotas demanded of each New England state and the designated places of assembly follow:

Massachusetts—One brigade of three regiments and one separate regiment of infantry, one squadron cavalry, one regiment field artillery, one company signal corps, one field hospital, one ambulance company, at South Framingham.

Maine—One regiment of infantry, at Augusta.

New Hampshire—One regiment infantry, one troop cavalry; one battery field artillery, one company signal corps, at Concord.

Vermont—One regiment infantry, one cavalry, at Colchester. (Ft. Ethan Allen.)

Rhode Island—Three troops cavalry, one battery field artillery, one ambulance company, at Quonset Point.

Connecticut—Two regiments of infantry, two troops cavalry, one battalion and three batteries field artillery, one company signal corps, one ambulance company, one field hospital, at Niantic.

A communication from the Mexican embassy announcing that there has been a clash between a boat's crew from the gunboat Annapolis and Carranza sympathizers at Mazatlan yesterday and asking that in the present tense situation no men be landed in Mexico from American warships under any circumstances was delivered to the state department by a secretary this morning.

Secretary Lansing announced that the reply to Carranza would go forward to Mexico City today. The secretary also declared the American policy remained unchanged. In regard to the general situation in Mexico, Secretary Lansing allowed it to become known that dispatches to the state department showed increasing excitement and irritation in many sections below the borders. The text of the dispatch was withheld.

Chairmen Chamberlain and Hay of the senate and house military committees were summoned to the White House this morning.

"I have felt all along that we would be forced to intervene," said Senator Chamberlain when the call came. "The Mexicans, so largely ignorant, have a notion they can whip us and it will be necessary for us to go in and clean up the situation."

"A resolution making immediately effective the military draft provision of the new army reorganization bill, under which guardsmen consenting to take the federal oath would be available anywhere immediately, has been prepared by officials," said Chairman Hay of the house military committee, "and may be presented to congress today."

SEC. BAKER'S STATEMENT.

Secretary Baker issued the following statement at Washington last night:

"In view of the disturbing conditions on the Mexican border and in order to assure complete protection for all Americans, the President has called out substantially all the state militia, and will send them to the border wherever and as fully as Gen. Funston determines them to be needed for the purpose stated."

"If all are not needed an effort will be made to relieve those on duty there from time to time so as to distribute the duty."

"This call for militia is wholly unrelated to Gen. Pershing's expedition and contemplates no additional entry into Mexico, except as may be necessary to pursue bandits who attempt outrages on American soil."

"The militia are being called out so as to leave some troops in the several states. They will be mobilized at their stations, where necessary recruiting can be done."

NO TIME FOR HASTY ACTION

Carranza Urges Mexicans to Aid Him in Solving Difficulty

HOPES DIFFERENCES WON'T LEAD TO WAR

But If Mexico Is Forced to Arms He Promises to Lead Troops in Person—Refers to Trouble at Matamoros and Mazatlan.

MEXICO CITY, June 19.—Gen. Carranza, addressing a mass meeting in front of his residence last night, urged the citizens to refrain from hostile acts against Americans and declared that he had hopes of peacefully arranging the difficulty between Mexico and the United States. The first chief said in part:

"This is not the time for hasty action. I am trying to arrange our difference with the United States peacefully and have hopes of succeeding. I want you to aid me. The encounter between American soldiers and the Mexicans near Matamoros has been temporarily solved with the withdrawal of the American troops from that region. The matter is now being taken up."

"There was some trouble in Mazatlan caused by the intrusion of an American sailor and that has also been adjusted for the time being. Go to your homes and be good Mexicans, remembering also that I will do my utmost to preserve the dignity of the Mexican nation. If we are forced to arms I will lead you in person."

The crowd composed of several thousand people cheered the remarks of the first chief.

TERRIFIC STORM VISITS BROOKLINE

Hailstones Cover Ground and Cause Damage to Gardens and Fields—Most Severe Storm in Years.

(Special to The Reformer.)

BROOKLINE, June 19.—The most terrific and continuous thunder storm in years, followed by hail, passed over the central portion of this town this afternoon. At the home of C. D. Whitney the south roofing was badly punctured by hailstones and the doorway was literally white. The gardens and the green fields have suffered badly by the storm.

HORSES TO LEAVE FAIRGROUNDS

All Will Be Shipped Before Saturday to Begin Racing.

This week will see the last of the training of trotting horses on the Valley fair grounds this spring. All of the animals which have been in training here several weeks will be shipped away before Saturday, which prevents the running off of the races that were scheduled for last Saturday.

A. B. Martin, who has had a string of 11 animals working out when it was possible, will ship them Thursday to one of the tracks near Providence where most of them are due to start. The other seven horses are to be shipped to various places in preparation for coming races.

Excursion to Plattsburg June 25. See ad on page 2.

Argentina has 29,500,000 cattle and 9,700,000 horses.

NEW ENGLAND MILITIA MOBILIZING TODAY

National Guard of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts and Connecticut Ready.

BOSTON, June 19.—Members of the Massachusetts national guard assembled at their armories throughout the state today in preparation for service on the Mexican border. Many of the officers and men were notified by telephone during the night of the call for service and early today the militia summons was sounded on fire alarms.

Adjt. Gen. Cole said that although it would be possible to move all the troops to the camp at Framingham today it was planned to defer this attempt until tomorrow. Today would be devoted to gathering all such men at the armories, inspecting their equipment and examining them for the possible presence of any infectious or contagious diseases. He said that work also would be begun towards reequipping the companies to full strength.

Officers have been directed to secure options on horses suitable for field service. Gen. Cole said that the actual purchase would be deferred until he had received instructions from Washington.

CONCORD, June 19.—The New Hampshire national guard was being recruited to its minimum strength at its home stations today with the expectation that the entire force would be encamped here tomorrow afternoon. The recruiting to maximum strength will not be started until the mobilization is complete. The minimum strength comprises 12 companies of infantry of 65 men each, one machine gun company with 45 men, one signal corps detachment with 40 men, one field artillery company with 131 men, and one troop of cavalry with 65 men.

MONTPELIER, June 19.—The work of assembling the members of the Vermont national guard was begun early today. A large part of the men were ready at the company armories at 6 a. m. It is possible that they will proceed to Fort Ethan Allen tomorrow.

AUGUSTA, June 19.—Mobilization of one regiment of the Maine national guard advanced according to the schedule of commanding officers today. Incidentally recruiting was encouraged and nearly all of the companies of the Second regiment were augmented by a score of men each.

BURLINGTON COMPANIES ACTIVE

Are Recruited Nearly to Minimum Strength and Ready for Orders.

(Special to The Reformer.)

BURLINGTON, June 19.—Companies M of Burlington, C of the University of Vermont and G of Windsor, Vermont national guard, were nearly recruited to their minimum strength of 65 men at noon today. Enlistments are coming in rapidly and the companies are ready to proceed to the state military post on receipt of orders. Company C has gone into camp on the university campus.

FUNSTON WANTS MILITIA.

Will Ask First For Troops from New York, Pennsylvania and Illinois.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, June 19.—It was indicated at headquarters of the Southern department today that Gen. Funston would request the war department to send him first the militia of New York, Pennsylvania and Illinois, as he believes that he can make practical use of them immediately.

A WAR PROCLAMATION.

Returning Passengers Say One Has Been Issued in Yucatan.

GALVESTON, Texas, June 19.—The Mexican government in Yucatan has issued a proclamation ordering all Americans out of Mexico and declaring a state of war existing between the two countries, according to passengers on the Norwegian steamer Nils from Progreso.

REV. P. J. BARRETT RESIGNS.

Will Leave Poultney Church Owing to Ill Health.

POULTNEY, June 19.—Rev. P. J. Barrett, rector of St. Mary's church, announced yesterday morning to his parishioners that because of poor health he had been obliged to tender his resignation of the pastorate to Bishop J. J. Rice of Burlington, the same to go into effect immediately. His successor has not yet been named.

Father Barrett has been in need of rest for a long time. Later he plans to take up some easier work. He came to St. Mary's parish from Burlington six years ago, during his stay here he has cleared the church indebtedness, which amounted to several thousand dollars.

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VILLAGE WAS IN DARKNESS

Tree Breaks Down Electric Wires During Saturday Night Trading

CANDLES USED FOR LIGHTING STORES

Barber Shop Patrons Separated from Hirsute Adornments Under Difficulties—Trouble on Vernon Street Keeps Lights Out Four Hours.

Besides plunging everything outdoors under water for a few weeks the rain managed Saturday evening at 9:20 o'clock to plunge everything both indoors and outdoors in Brattleboro into inky darkness Saturday evening. For nearly four hours not an electric light burned in Brattleboro. The streets were in gloomy darkness. The prize fighter who has been knocked out has the slim satisfaction of seeing stars, but Saturday evening when Brattleboro was knocked out not a star was visible.

The cause of all this was the rain. A tree on a bank on lower Vernon street slid down the bank with considerable earth because of the heavy washing the earth had been subjected to, and then fell across the electric transmission lines of the Connecticut River Power company. Bingo! Out went everything electrical. The big high tension wires that carry all electric current from the plant at Vernon to Brattleboro snapped under the weight of the tree and with one mighty white flash that lit up the southern sky for an instant Brattleboro experienced the last real light for four hours.

Barbers poised their razors over the half shorn faces of Saturday night customers and waited patiently for the lights to flash up again. Clerks in stores stopped in their tracks and waited. The trolley cars imitated everything else and waited, even though they were on the rails. The housewife at her sewing stuck her needle in her work and rested a minute. The drug-gist compounding a prescription; the driver of a team; the chef in the restaurant; the card player; the movie fan; the physician at the bedside of a patient, all stopped and waited.

Seconds lengthened into minutes and minutes doubled and tripled and then the grocery stores which had taken from their shelves candles seldom in demand in these times used them in flickering advertisements of the art of illumination and began to do business.

Two elderly women, who had been stranded on the street, discovered the lights in one store and groped their way with difficulty. Each invested in a candle and began her homeward journey. The proprietor of a barber shop hustled in and demanded a dozen candles. He had a shop full of customers and what was more important, chairs full of customers in various stages of separation from their facial adornments. Securing the candles and the services of several boys as torch bearers the barber and his crew of tonsorial artists finished, as well as possible between drips of hot tallow, the jobs of removing lather and whiskers from the faces of men who do not habitually use safety razors.

A clothing store had recourse to lanterns and tried to make the aisles in the store resemble the great white way, but to a disinterested observer from the outside looking in it resembled more a foggy night on a stern and rockbound coast. It would not have been difficult to palm off a raincoat for a suit of pajamas in that gloom.

One store proprietor who was fortunate enough to own an automobile placed his car on the opposite side of the street and brought the searchlights in range of the front windows, which was a scheme that could not have been tried back in the days of the tallow dip.

Not many places of business and not many more private residences are equipped with gas for illuminating purposes, which spoiled a big opportunity for the Twin State Gas & Electric company to show a big dividend for this month and manufactured a lot of belated Saturday night grouches. Pocket flash lamps that had not been used in months were dug out from their hiding places with the resultant discovery that the batteries had run dry.

Within a few minutes from the time of the break linemen started to locate the trouble, knowing that it was between the Vernon plant and Brattleboro, but as they started from Vernon they had the trip to make over nearly the entire distance before finding the trouble. It was about 1 o'clock when the power was turned on again.

THE WEATHER

Partly Cloudy Tonight and Tomorrow—Cooler Tonight.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 19.—The weather forecast: Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday. Cooler tonight except in southeastern Maine.

Three million dollars has been spent to bring the power of a waterfall 90 miles to Boston for electric light and power purposes.

The taste for frog-eating is increasing in America. Last year 6,000,000 frogs were placed on the markets of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

MOBILIZATION OF COMPANY I

Fire Alarm at 6 o'clock This Morning Calls Militia to Arms—Men Expect to Proceed to Burlington in Day or Two, Thence to Mexican Border—Capt. Gibson Wants More Men

Company I, V. N. G., Capt. Ernest W. Gibson commanding, in common with all of the National Guard organizations of 45 states, responded this morning to a call for mobilization, and the work of recruiting it to war

commander of the Vermont regiment, the telegrams were despatched and the telephone called into service to reach members of the company as could be reached in that manner. There was little sleep last night for the officers of the company.

Within a remarkably short time after the sounding on the fire alarm of the call to arms members of the company began arriving at the Armory. The order had read to have the men mobilize in their company armories at 7 o'clock and await further orders. Capt. Gibson, therefore, postponed sounding the alarm until the last possible moment to comply with the order rather than disturb the slumbers of his men.

As the Brattleboro members of the company continued to reach the Armory and get into field uniforms, other members of the company who had been reached by telephone and telegraph at their homes or places of employment in other towns and cities began to arrive. The first train from Springfield brought Sergeant John J. Clune, one of the two veterans of the Spanish-American war service, who had answered the call from Northampton, Mass., where he is now employed. From Vernon came two of the boys, who were brought to the Armory by H. A. Staten in an automobile. Almost at the same time a telephone message was received from Putney that another member who was working there had received word and was leaving by automobile. And so it was all through the morning hours.

Not only were members of the company responding to the call, but young men who had never seen service and who had never felt the call of joining the organization were hurrying to the Armory and asking to be examined and accepted as recruits. By the time Lieut. H. W. Taylor, assistant surgeon, had reported there several were awaiting his examination and two were accepted early while many more were rejected. Among the latter was a former regular who had left the government service in 1911. He was rejected because of trouble with his feet.

The first orders were to the effect that further instructions would be issued at 10 o'clock this morning, but at 9:30 o'clock Capt. Gibson had received orders to recruit the company to full war strength of 150 men and to drill five hours a day until further orders and that when the company left for Burlington to mobilize as a regiment all state and federal property of the company should be taken.

The strength of the company when the first order was issued was 68 men and officers, and to recruit to war strength will require several days. It is expected that the company will be required to remain at the Armory during the time of staying in Brattleboro, except when engaged in drilling outdoors. Much of the drill work can be done in the Armory, especially that of the manual of arms, but work to the open will be necessary to make the men understand the possible work that will be required of them on the Mexican border. Especially is this true of the recruits who today have begun to get their first taste of military life.

The men were formed as a company late this forenoon and the articles of war read to them as required. They

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CAPT. E. W. GIBSON,
Commanding